

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41 of the Second Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elder Columbus H.
Harris on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Elder Columbus H. Harris will celebrate his 100th birthday, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant, on December 26, 1999, at the Hillywood Community Center with numerous friends and family in attendance; and

WHEREAS, raised by his Great Uncle and Aunt, Lenious and Betty Harris, Columbus H. Harris was born on December 25, 1899 in Pope, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, noted as an "apt student" while attending the Tallahatchie County School in Mississippi, Columbus "learned fast"; he later assisted the teacher and then taught school in Tallahatchie County; and

WHEREAS, having held various positions of employment over the past century, Elder C.H. Harris worked for ten years as a porter for the Pullman Railroad Company and for ten years as a bellhop at the Peabody Hotel; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, Mr. Harris served with acumen as a valued employee of the Swift Packing Company, where he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work, until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, C.H. Harris became an ordained minister of the gospel, and pastored both the Church of Christ Holiness in Fulton, Kentucky, and the Church of Christ Holiness in Brownsville, for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to live an exemplary Christian life, Elder C.H. Harris is a member of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, and when given the opportunity, he still endeavors to preach the gospel; and

WHEREAS, Elder Harris was joined in marriage to the late Cassandra J. Harris and from this blessed union two children were born, a son, Carl Harris, and a daughter, Juanita H. Lewis; and

WHEREAS, he is presently married to Forrestine A. Harris, whose companionship and unwavering dedication he enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is affectionately known as “Pa Pa” to Susie A. Coleman, William Anderson, and Geraldine Love; and

WHEREAS, Columbus is also appreciative of the love and encouragement he receives from his sister, Annette Foster; and

WHEREAS, as Elder C.H. Harris approaches his second century, he still lives by his motto, “You got to have the Holy Ghost.” He is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Elder Columbus H. Harris on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.